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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above-referenced application, but to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed documents is submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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